

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
City of Reno, Nevada
Lawton Interceptor Protection
FEMA-1629-DR-NV, HMGP 1629-4-4

The City of Reno (Reno), Washoe County, Nevada, has applied, through the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM), to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal financial assistance (Federal action) to protect existing sewer infrastructure in Oxbow Park. The proposed project would protect a sewer line, known as the Lawton Interceptor, and the northern bank of the Truckee River from erosion during flood events through a combination of bank stabilization and construction of a refusal trench. The assistance would be provided to Reno through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

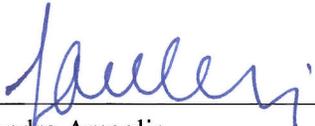
As a result of flooding in 1997 and during the 2005–2006 wet season, the Truckee River has migrated as much as 80 feet north from its typical wetted channel location. The risk of further migration of the river and bank erosion is high. The Lawton Interceptor, which is approximately 200 feet from the edge of the current river channel, could be compromised by further migration of the river and bank erosion. The proposed project would reduce the potential for sewer rupture. Approximately 150 feet of the northern bank of the river would be stabilized using current bioengineering methods. A refusal trench would be constructed parallel to, and 10 to 25 feet upstream of, approximately 100 feet of the Lawton Interceptor in the Oxbow Park parking lot.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, FEMA has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) to address the potential impacts of the proposed project on the environment. The Final EA was prepared after a Draft EA was submitted for public review and comment. FEMA received no comment letters on the Draft EA. The Final EA is available at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm>.

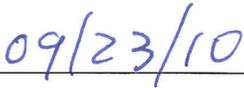
Based on the conditions and the information described in the Final EA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations at 44 C.F.R. Part 10 (2009) (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Wetlands Protection), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared because no long-term adverse impacts on the quality of the human environment would result from the proposed project. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the Final Public Notice for compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. Information required by 44 C.F.R. Part 9.12(e) is provided in the Final EA.

For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after the publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.



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Region IX Environmental Officer



Date